



Elijah and Elisha

- 1 Kings 20 – 2 Kings 7
- 2 Chronicles 21-23

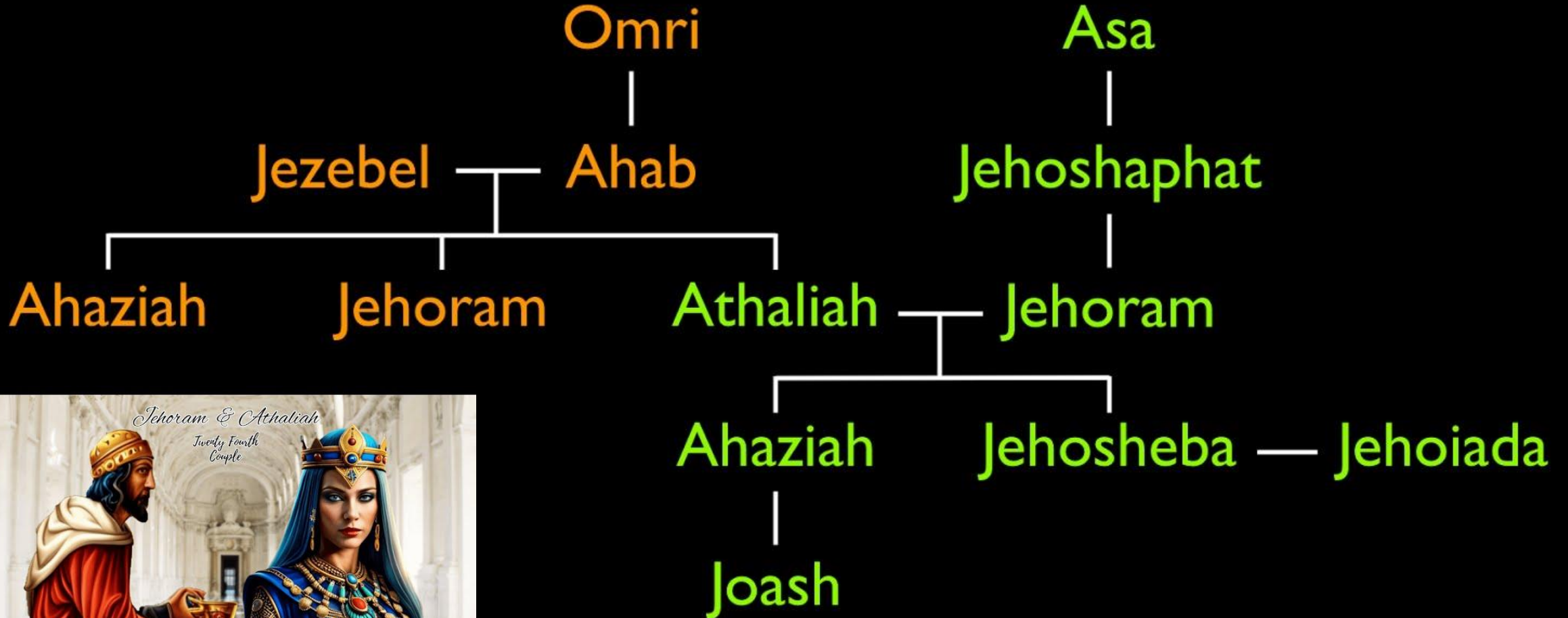
The image is a composite background. On the left, a crown is mounted on a wooden structure, possibly a gallows, against a dark, starry sky. The crown is illuminated from below, casting a glow. On the right, there are stone walls, possibly part of a castle or fortress, illuminated by a warm, orange-red light. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

THE DIVIDED
KINGDOM



Israel

Judah





Aram / Syria

*Ben-Hadad
and Hazael*



Ahab and Naboth in Jezreel









Ahab and Naboth

¹⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite: ¹⁸ “Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth’s vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. ¹⁹ Say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?’ Then say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth’s blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!’” ²⁰ Ahab said to Elijah, “So you have found me, my enemy!”



Ahab



“I have found you,” he answered, “because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD. ²¹ He says, ‘I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free. ²² I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have aroused my anger and have caused Israel to sin.’

²³ “And also concerning Jezebel the LORD says: ‘Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.’

²⁴ “Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds will feed on those who die in the country.”

²⁵ (There was never anyone like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, urged on by Jezebel his wife. ²⁶ He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites the LORD drove out before Israel.)

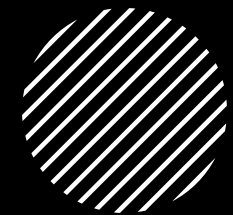
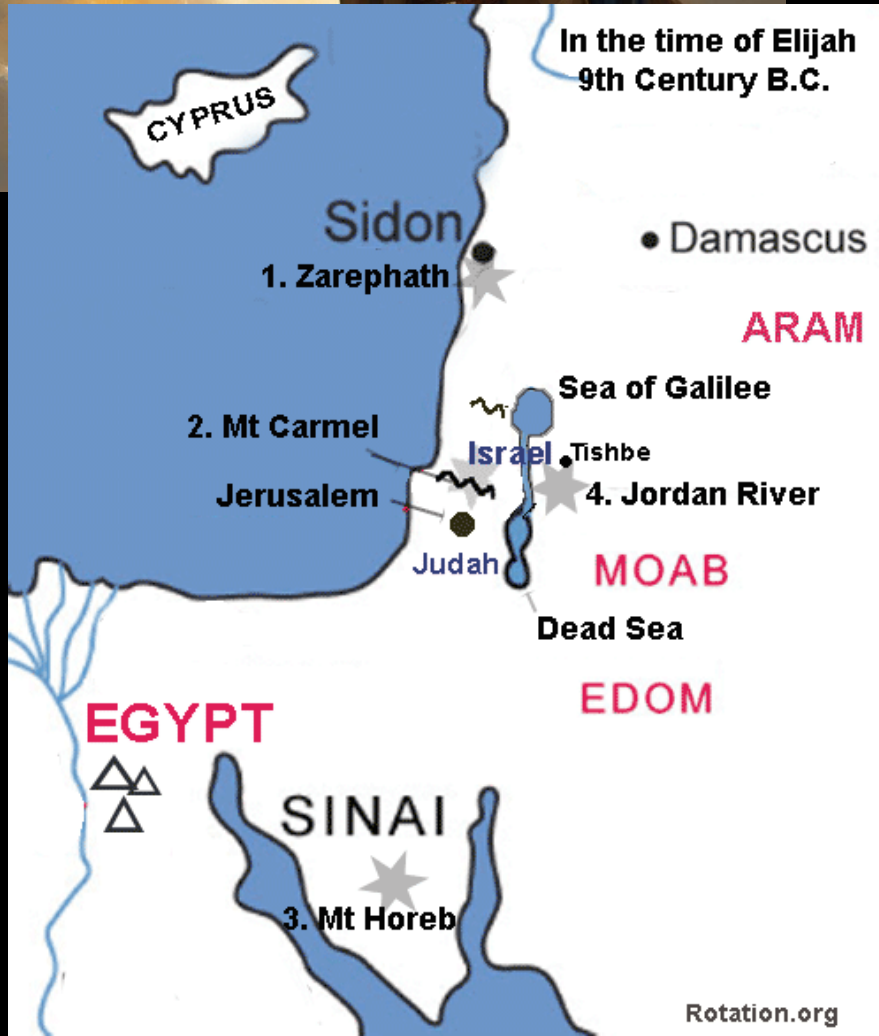




PROPHET ELIJAH



- Israel (not Judah), mostly to Ahab
- Known for pronouncing God's words
- Worked alone
- 6 miracles
- Events:
 - 870 BC
 - Announced drought
 - Fed by ravens
 - 869 BC
 - Widow of Zarephath (food, son)
 - 867 BC
 - Mt. Carmel
 - End of drought
 - Mt. Horeb: Instructed to anoint Elisha, Jehu, and Hazael
 - 865 – 842 BC
 - Mentors Elisha (age: 20)





Elijah in the New Testament

- OT characters mentioned the most in the NT: Moses (80), Abraham (73), David (59), Elijah (30)
- **Luke 4:23** Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”
24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. **25** I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27** And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

Elijah in the NT

Luke 1:16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. **17** And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” **14** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Luke 9:29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. **30** Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. **31** They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

Mark 15:35 When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”



Romans



11 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: ³ “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”? ⁴ And what was God's answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵ So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Elisha – Prophet of Miracles



Parting water of Jordan River



Healing water source of Jericho



Protection by two bears



Filling valley with ditches.
Water for Israel Army over
Moabites



Filling the widow's
oil pot



Prophecy of Shunammite
woman to have a son



Resurrection of
Shunammite's child



Purifying the
poison soup



Multiplication of bread



Healing of Naaman



Cursing Gehazi
with leprosy

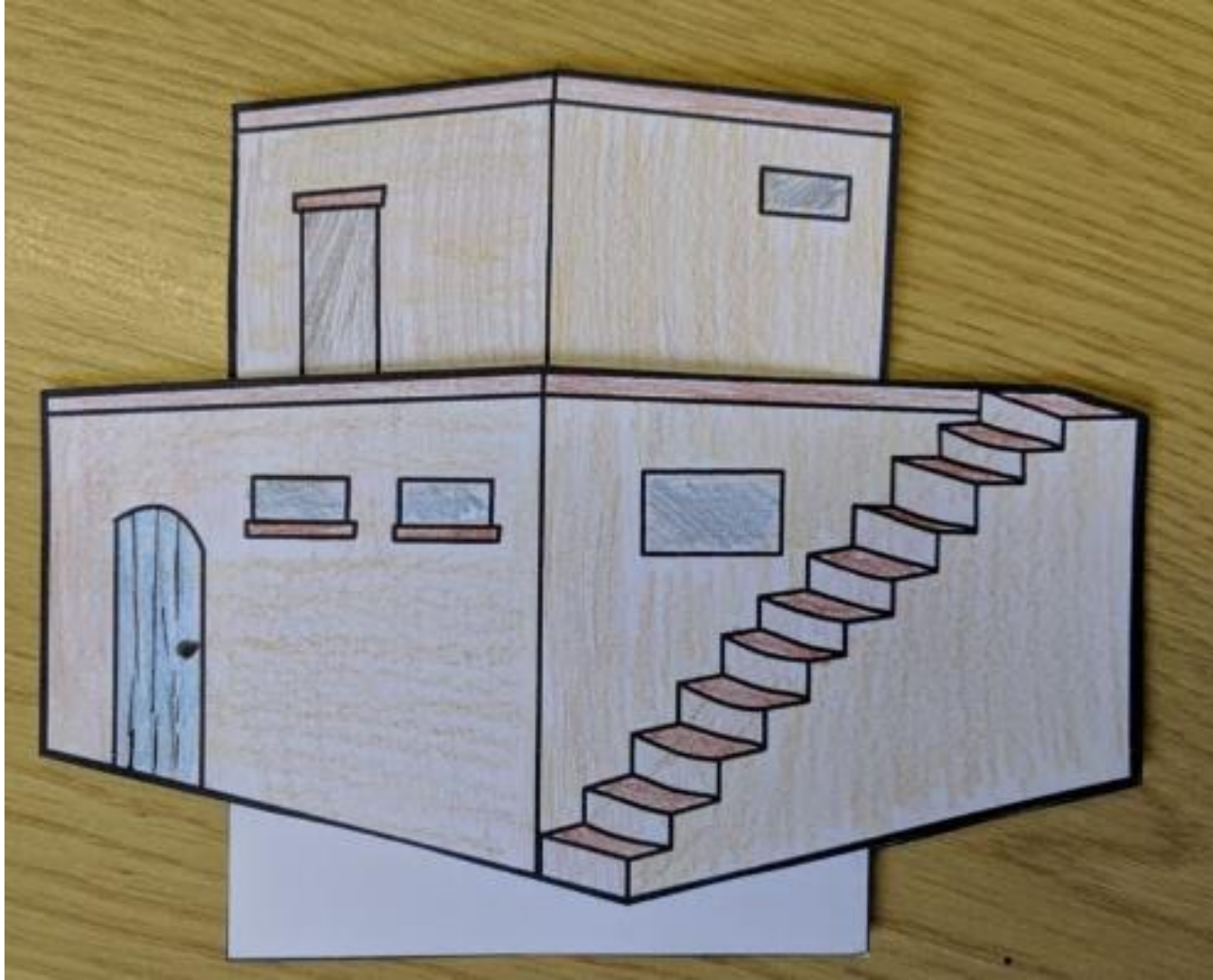


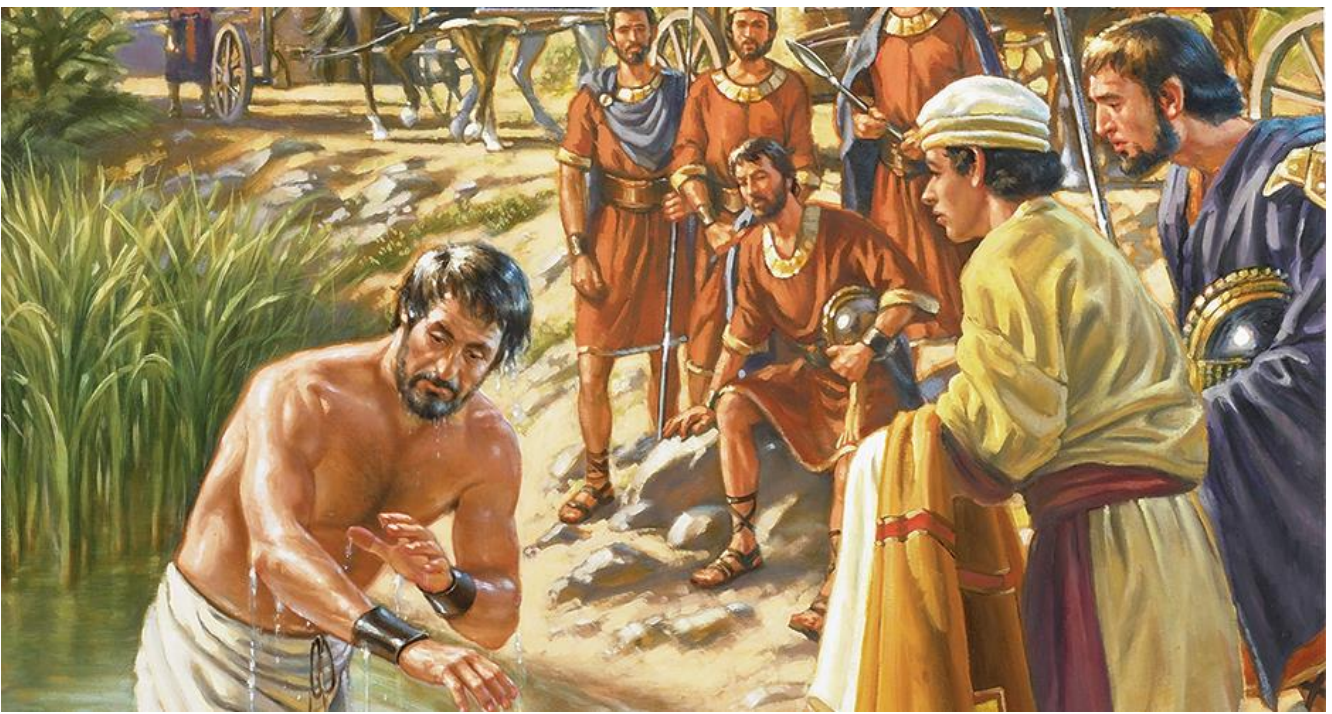
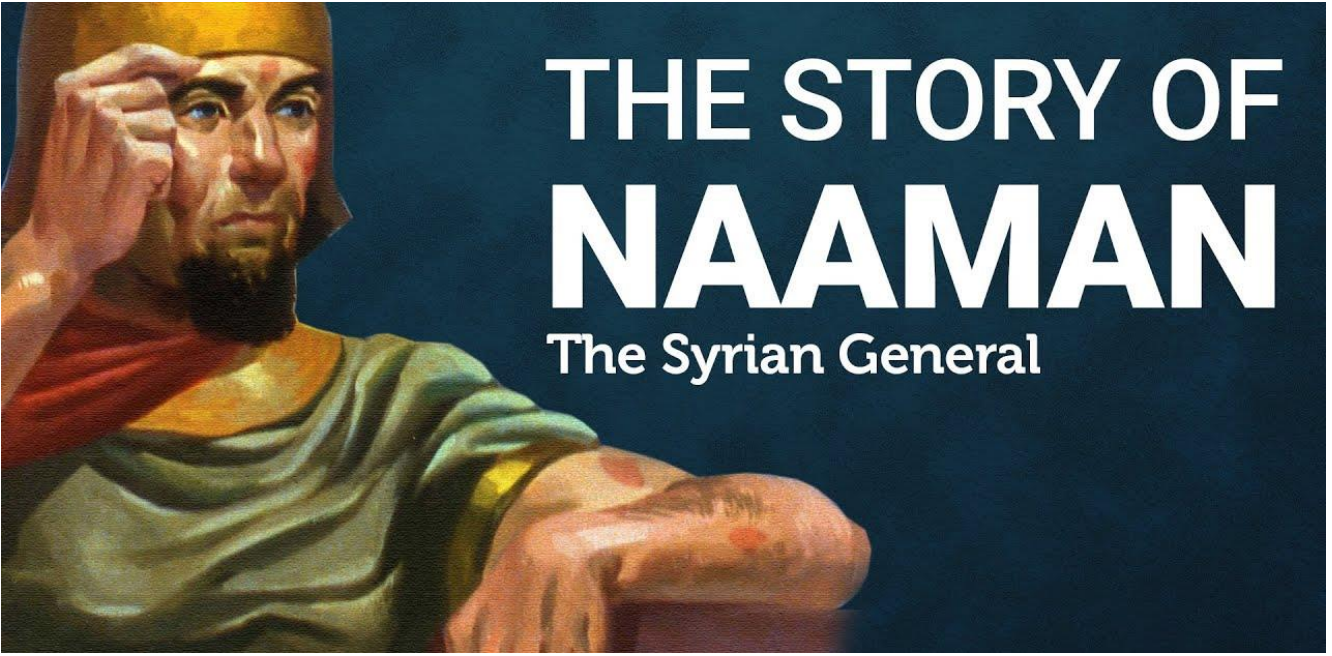
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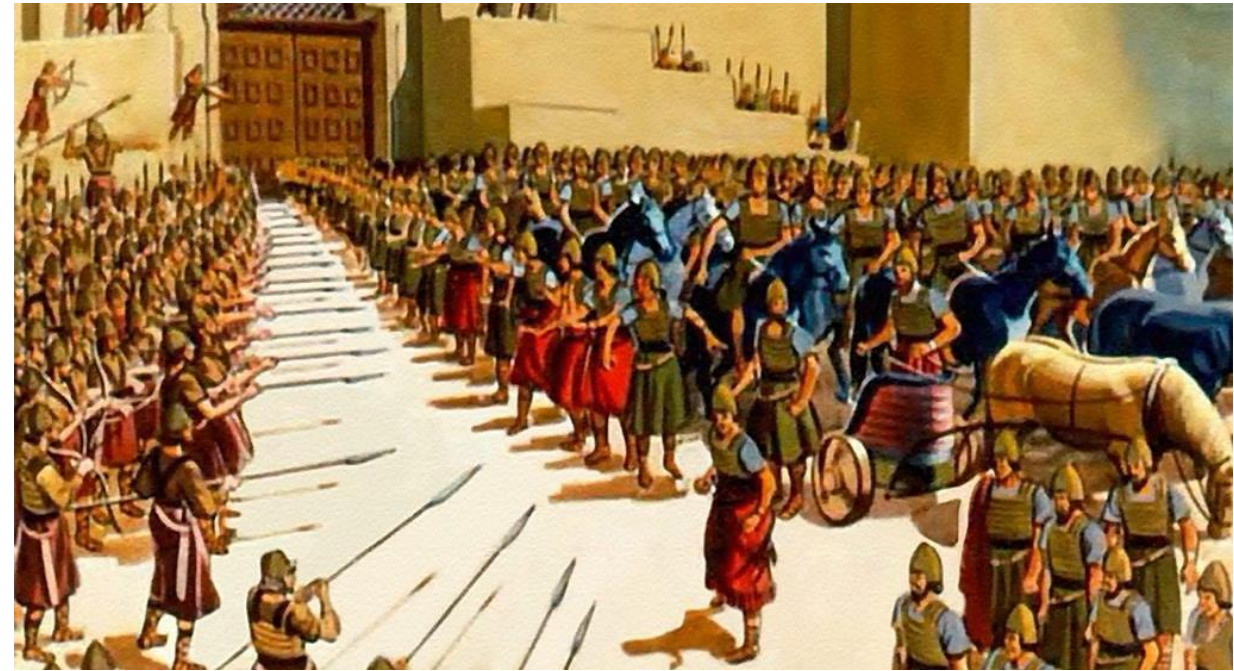


The Prophet's Widow

A Woman in Debt







Ben Hadad sieges Samaria



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Themes and Key Takeaways





The Nation of Israel

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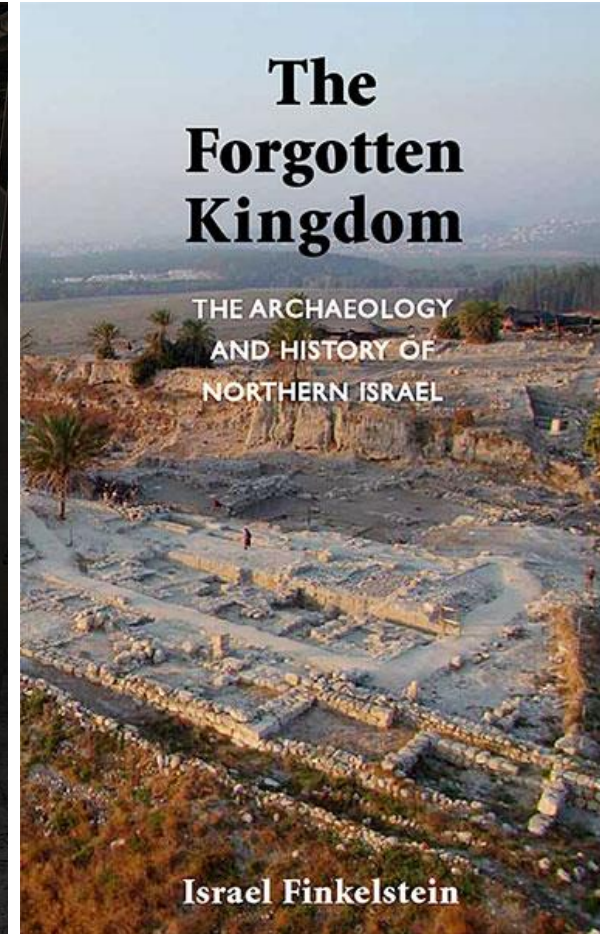
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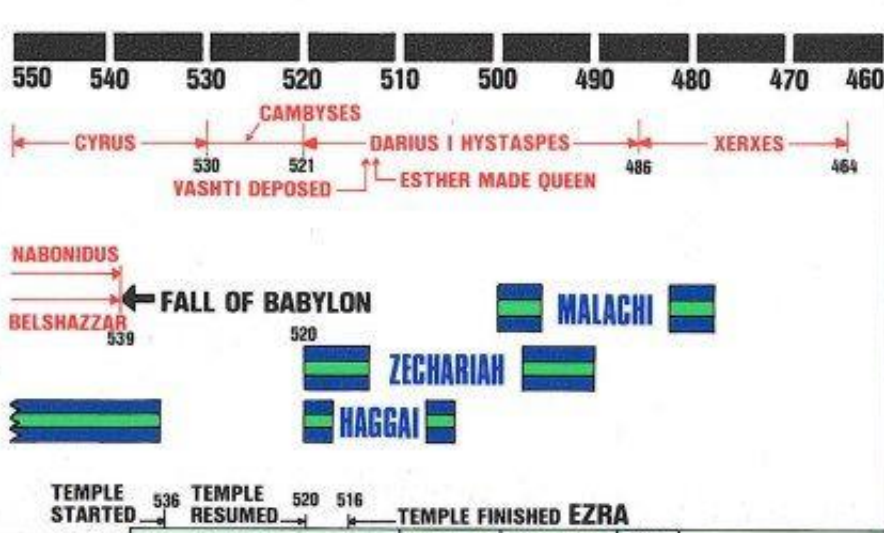
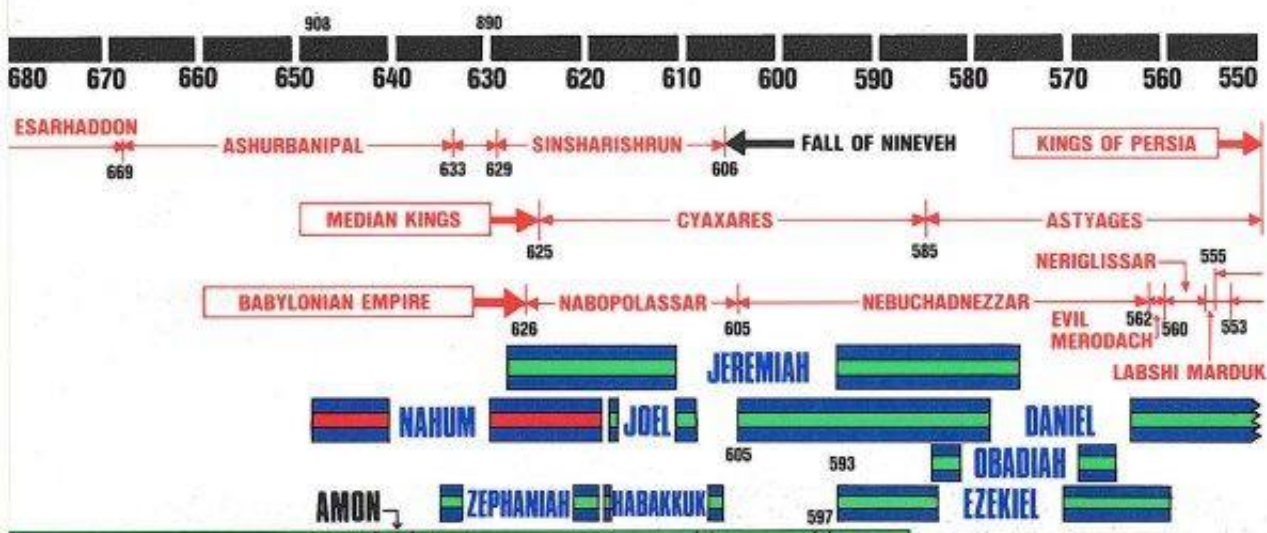
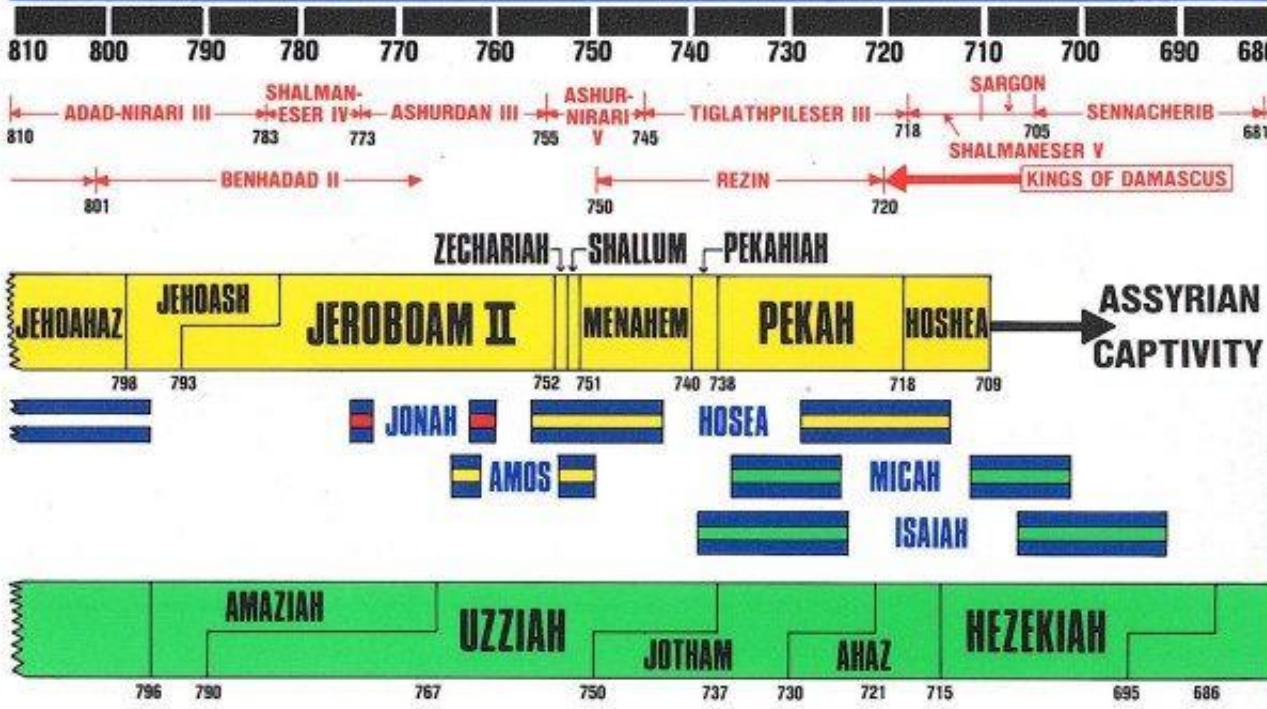
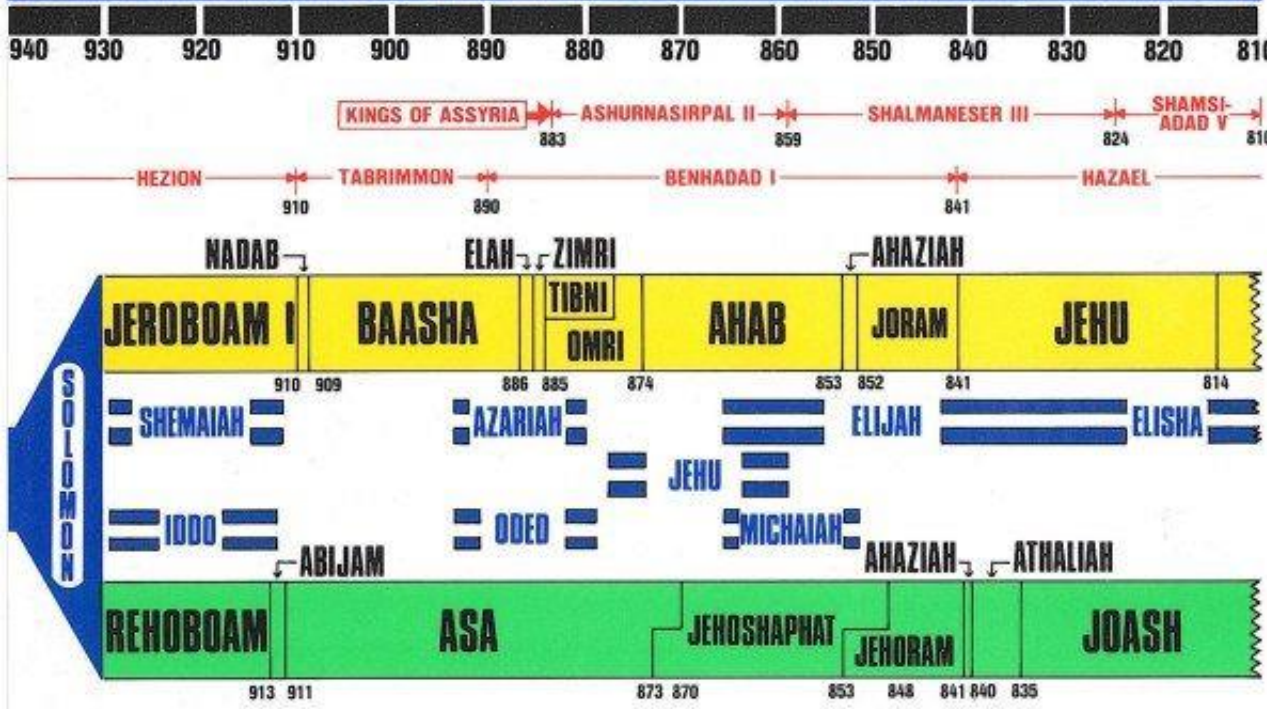
Archeology from the divided kingdom





THE KINGS AND PROPHETS

OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH



KEY

940 Years B.C.

- █ Nations around Israel
- █ Kings of Judah
- █ Kings of Israel
- █ Prophets (no book)
- █ Prophets to Nations
- █ Prophets to Israel

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